THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

(c) All treatment facilities at Safdarjung Hospital are provided free of cost to the poor and depressed families. Besides, financial assistance is also provided to poor patients for costly procedures out of National Illness Assistance Fund.

(d) As a policy, the patient care allowance is admissible to the eligible categories of employees, as per the duty performed by them during the month.

Tea Breaks in CGHS Dispensary, Janakpuri

336. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that both medical and para-medical staff at CGHS Dispensary, B-Block, Janakpuri take at least two tea breaks of half-an-hour daily;

(b) if so, whether such breaks cause avoidable inconvenience to the beneficiaries;

(c) whether they are allowed for such tea breaks; and

(d) if not, whether Government would issue necessary instructions to the CMO of the dispensary to stop such breaks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Tea breaks are not allowed to the Medical Officers/staff in CGHS dispensaries including the CGHS dispensary at Block, Janakpuri. However, as per existing instructions, the Medical Officers and othelr staff in CGHS dispensa s can have tea at their own table after 10.00 a.m. without hampering the n mal functioning of the dispensary.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.

Availability of Doctors in CGHS Dispensary, Janakpuri

337. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of doctors posted at CGHS dispensary No. 74, B-Block, Janakpuri;

(b) whether it is a fact that only two doctors are available on a day in this dispensary;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of doctors' as per the norm, that should be present on a day in that dispensary; and

(e) the action Government propose to take to ensure that adequate number of doctors are present in the dispensary so that beneficiaries are not forced to wait for long period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Six doctors including the CMO In-charge have been posted at CGHS dispensary No. 74, B-Block, Janakpuri.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Normally, adequate number of doctors are present on duty except when doctors take leave, etc. due to various exigencies. One of the doctors of this dispensary is put on emergency duty on rotational basis to the nearby CGHS dispensary at Tilak Nagar which functions round the clock for emergency services also for the convenience of the beneficiaries.

(d) and (e) No norms have been fixed regarding the number of doctors required to be present on a day in any CGHS dispensary. However, doctors are posted in accordance with the posts sanctioned for the dispensary considering the daily attendance to ensure the smooth functioning of the dispensary.

Guidelines for Indenting of Medicines

338. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of extant guidelines regarding indenting of medicines prescribed by specialists in CGHS dispensaries;

(b) whether the doctors in the dispensaries can give substitutes of even scheduled / life saving drugs prescribed by specialists;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether Macoxplus can be substituted with Rcinex; if so, the details of the constituents of the two medicines; and

(e) if not, the action taken to stop this practice so that the life of beneficiaries is not jeopardised?